

# CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION INTERAGENCY NETWORK (CEEIN)

## *DRAFT* MINUTES

Friday, March 17, 2000

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

State Water Resources Control Board  
Bonderson Building, Room 153  
901 "P" Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

### **MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Fran Vitulli, Water Resources Control Board  
Debbie Irvin, Water Resources Control Board  
Carolyn Tucker, Department of Water Resources  
Kris McNamara, Walt Disney Company  
Bill Andrews, Department of Education  
Kay Antunez, Department of Forestry & Fire Protection  
Nina Gordon, Resources Agency  
Gary Darling, Resources Agency  
Tricia Broddrick, Integrated Waste Management Board  
Vanessa Arellano, Department of Food and Agriculture  
Phaedra Bota, Department of Boating and Waterways  
Susanne Garfield-Jones, Energy Commission  
Judi Franz, Department of Toxics Substances Control  
Donna Pozzi, State Parks  
Mike Kashuba, Air Resources Board

### **Introductions/What's New in Your World?**

**Debbie Irvin** welcomed the group and again thanked Fran Vitulli who will be retiring May 19, for all her inspirational efforts with environmental education.

**Carolyn Tucker** talked about her participation at an environmental fair at Cordova Gardens Elementary School in Rancho Cordova. The fair was put on by the fifth grade class as part of their Environmentalism efforts. She attended the Department of Education's Environmental Education Advisory Committee on February 17 and 18 and is currently editing final text and artwork for Lake Oroville Visitors Center education materials. She also mentioned the CEEIN Committee Member Update Form that members can fill out listing the activities they are involved in and projects they are involved with. She e-mailed the forms and also brought hard copies. This should greatly assist the "note takers" with the meeting minutes in the future.

**Phaedra Bota** sponsored the Smart Boating Center at the Cal Expo Boat Show March 8-12. The Smart Boating Center was the umbrella for all the boating safety organizations that participated. A secondary message of clean boating was also promoted with participation from the California Coastal Commission and the San Francisco Bay Estuary. (The latter representing clean vessel issues of our department under a contract we established with them). She is also preparing for numerous safety events and distribution projects that kick-off National Safe Boating Week May 20-26, 2000.

**Vanessa Arellano** updated the committee members with their environmental education outreach efforts.

**Susanne Garfield-Jones** is currently working on the following 3 projects: Revamping Energy Quest - K-8 student, teacher resource on the web for energy; California Energy & Environmental Center - finishing the consumer choice section of the web site including the Energy Playhouse which is a residential interactive tool to choose efficiency measures; and School of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century - virtual tour of schools that offer environments that improve learning and decrease energy use.

**Bill Andrews** spoke about CREEC and handed out *Guidelines for Application Competitive Grants FY 2000/01*. The deadline for application is May 15, 2000.

**Nina Gordon** talked about the Resources Agency's commitment toward environmental education efforts.

**Kay Antunez** talked about the upcoming conferences and handed out an updated list.

**Tricia Broddrick** talked about a potential move to Cal/EPA for her position and also passed out an updated sheet of Interagency Agreements for Environmentality.

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

The February 2000 meeting minutes were approved and adopted with revisions.

#### **Information Items:**

- *Revised List of Members* - Organization URL's were submitted to Sylvia Gude to be added to our CEEIN Phone List and Contacts. Sylvia will update and send to members.
- *List of Conferences and Events* - Kay distributed an updated list.

#### **Committee Updates:**

- *Administration & Budget* - Carolyn updated committee members.
- *Electronic Networking* - Gary updated committee members on the CERES web site and his participation with it. The web site responsibility/existence moved from the Energy Commission to OEHHHA. Laurie will be the coordinator and will complete updates. Try <http://www.oehha.ca.gov/ceein/Environmentality.htm> and see what we have.
- *EE Advancement & Development* - Nothing was reported.
- *Environmentality* - Bill said April 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> are the judging days for the Environmentality portfolios. Address is 560 "J" Street, Room 397. Give yourself 2-3 hours for reviewing the judging process of the 5 school finalists. April 6, 2000, our distinguished judges will determine the Grand Prize Winner.
- *Outreach* - Outreach efforts were discussed.

#### **Presentation By:**

Rita Pasillas, City of Sacramento, Department of Utilities, Stormwater Division; and Robyn Whittall, Director of Environmental Education, Sacramento Zoo/Zoological Society spoke about their partnership with the Zoo Playground, teacher guide, special exhibits, teacher workshops, and handed out a brochure, information about Sacramento Zoo Education Classes 2000, and information about Sacramento Zoo School Programs.

#### **Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m. The next meeting is our annual luncheon scheduled for Friday, April 7, 2000, at the 4<sup>th</sup> Street Grill, hosted by Deidra Bennett and Kris McNamara, Walt Disney Company.